

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ikeda, et al.) Group Art Unit Unknown
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For : METHOD FOR EVALUATING)
DRUG SENSITIVITY)
Examiner : Unknown)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 -- Fig. 1A to Fig. 1D are evaluation results for sensitivity to morphine and (-)-U-50488. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 --The results of the tail-flick and hot-plate tests performed for morphine (Mor) induced analgesic effect are shown in Fig. 1A and Fig. 1B, and the results of the open-field test performed for morphine-induced hyperactivity are shown in Fig. 1C. Further, the result of the investigation for whether the CXBK μ -OR gene induces reduction of analgesic effects of (-)-U-50488 (U-50), which is a selective κ -agonist, in CXBK mice are shown in Fig. 1D. The values mentioned in Fig. 1A to Fig. 1D are represented as average \pm SEM. Each group consisted of 10 animals for Fig. 1A to Fig. 1C, and each group consisted of 6 animals for Fig. 1D. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims: